

FINAL MINUTES

***KLAMATH RIVER BASIN FISHERIES TASK FORCE
MEETING***

February 8-9, 2001

***Best Western Brookings Inn
Brookings, OR***

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Agendum 1. Convene and Opening Remarks

Representative Seat

California Commercial Salmon Industry
California Department of Fish and Game
California In-River Sport Fishing Community
Del Norte County
Hoopa Valley Tribe
Humboldt County
Karuk Tribe
Klamath County
Klamath Tribe
National Marine Fisheries Service
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Siskiyou County
Trinity County
U.S. Department of Interior/Task Force Chair
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Yurok Tribe

Members Present

Dave Bitts
Mike Rode
Gary T. Salvatore (Kent Bulfinch alternate)
Chuck Blackburn
Mike Orcutt (Joseph Jarnaghan alternate)
Paul Kirk
Ronnie Pierce (Leaf Hillman alternate)
Don Russell
Not represented
Don Reck
Keith Wilkinson
Jim DePree (Joan Smith alternate)
Chris Erikson
John Engbring, Chair
Al Olson
Mike Belchik (Dave Hillemeier alternate)

The following members were not present: Don Russell (Klamath County) and Elwood Miller (Klamath Tribe). Joseph Jarnaghan was not present the first day; his alternate, Mike Orcutt, was present the second day. Chair John Engbring made the opening remarks. Phil Detrich, who replaced Ron Iverson in the Yreka FWO, spoke briefly. There was no Vice-Chair for this meeting.

Agendum 2a. Business. Adoption of agenda

John Engbring discussed changes to the agenda, including the addition of Agendum 5i to allow Ronnie Pierce to discuss the Klamath Basin Fish and Water Management Symposium. Mike Rode requested that Agendum 11, Trinity Task Force presentation, be moved after Agendum 16 when Mike Orcutt is present. This should also include a discussion of BOR de-funding of fishery monitoring on the Trinity River. Ronnie Pierce asked that FERC relicensing be moved to Agendum 15b as part of the mid-term reevaluation process. Keith Wilkinson asked for mitigation numbers to be part of this discussion.

****Motion** Keith Wilkinson moved to adopt the amended agenda.**
****Second** Paul Kirk seconded the motion.**
****Motion Carried** unanimously.**

Agendum 2b. Business. Adoption of minutes from October 2000 meeting

The following changes were requested for the October 2000 meeting minutes: On page 7, Agendum 10, Report from the Arcata FWO, the sentence "Dam removal is no longer seen as an option." should be changed to "PacifiCorp does not see dam removal as an option."

****Motion** Keith Wilkinson moved to adopt the amended minutes of the last meeting.**
****Second** Dave Bitts seconded the motion.**
****Motion Carried** unanimously.**

Agendum 2c. Vice-Chair for June 2001 Meeting

Chuck Blackburn will serve as Vice-Chair for the June 2001 meeting.

Agendum 3. Introductions of Congressional Staff in attendance

Ron Kreskey of Congressman De Fazio's office spoke briefly. He said it is unclear whether Rep. DeFazio will be on the Fishery Subcommittee in Washington, DC. He suggested Task Force members give information to his office as Rep. DeFazio wants to hear from the Task Force what the needs are.

Pierce said money for fisheries has been approved but is not in the field yet. Paul Kirk asked for appropriate ways to request a budget increase. Ron Kreskey said the most important strategy is to have a unified, cooperative approach with other groups. Paul Kirk said congressional representatives should be invited to the June meeting to discuss this further.

Agendum 4. Brief Review of last meeting actions/general correspondence/program update

Laurie Simons reviewed the list of assignments and motions from the October 2000 meeting as follows:

Agendum 3: Task Force Operating Procedures were included for this meeting in the handouts.

Agendum 3: A new member packet is now available for new Task Force members.

Agendum 3: Draft copies of the Water Education Video are not yet available for members.

Agendum 4a: The letter drafted by Al Olson (dated Nov. 21, 2000) is included in the handouts.

Agendum 7: John Engbring said he would discuss this further during this meeting's FERC discussion.

Agendum 7: Remaining items from the mid-term evaluation are included on the agenda.

Agendum 9: The letter to Mary Nichols was done and was cc-d to all Task Force members.

Agendum 21: An EPA representative will speak at this meeting on TMDL processes.

She then briefly described all pertinent correspondence received and sent since the last meeting. (*See Handouts Agendum 4.*) Laurie Simons reviewed the FY 2000 FWS Restoration Projects in the Klamath Basin, and the handout "Task Force Unspent and Incomplete Projects 3-Year Cutoff as of Feb. 1, 2001," which was developed in response to Task Force concern about loss of monies from incomplete projects.

Laurie Simons said that this table helps the Yreka FWO identify those projects close to deadline, and as a result of YFWO phone calls and persistence, the amount of unspent money returned has dropped dramatically.

****Assignment** Yreka FWO staff will include a discussion of Fire Safe Councils for the Task Force June 2001 meeting agenda. Jim De Pree or a representative from CDF will make a presentation to the Task Force.**

Agendum 5a. Brief Updates and Announcements: Status of streamgage funding

Jim Bowers, USGS, spoke on funding of the streamgages by USGS, DWR and BOR. He said the gages are funded for this year and look good for the future. He outlined the FY 2001 Funding Proposal for the Klamath River Basin USGS streamgage network. (*See Handout Agendum 5a.*) He said he believed the Task Force letter to Mary Nichols helped persuade the DWR to provide funding for certain gages, including those on the Shasta and Scott rivers and the Klamath River near Seiad Valley. He thanked the Task Force for their support.

Task Force Comment

Mike Rode said he was pleased all gages will be funded. He asked about potential funding of new gages within the Klamath Basin. Jim Bowers replied that other than the Scott River there is no new funding, but once the Scott River is funded by other sources, this will free up some funds.

Ronnie Pierce asked about 2002 funding. Jim Bowers said funding is solid for next year.

Mike Belchik asked about Klamath River at Klamath. Jim Bowers said \$25,000 has been funded for moving and upgrading the gage and \$15,600 for annual operations.

Agendum 5b. Status of appointment letters

An appointment letter was received appointing Joseph L. Jarnaghan (Hoopa Tribe). However, letters have not been received for the following members: Mike Rode, Dave Bitts and Kent Bulfinch, (State of CA), Elwood Miller, Jr. (Klamath Tribe) and Al Olson (Dept. of Agriculture). John Engbring urged these members to ask their representing associations to send these letters.

Agendum 5c. Status of funding for Klamath River Flow Study

John Engbring spoke on the status of funding for the Klamath River Flow Study. FWS did receive funding to start that project in FY 2001 and there have been several technical meetings in Arcata to identify the priority-ranked projects. Funds should soon pass down to the field offices. He thanked Tom Shaw and George Guillen of the Arcata FWO staff for coordinating that ranking process.

Jim DePree and Mike Belchik added their appreciation for the work and for including technical input from those in the field.

Agendum 5d. Update on CDFG funding efforts

Mike Rode spoke on CDFG sources of restoration funding on the list of Klamath River SB 271 Approved Projects for 2000. (*See Handout Agendum 5d.*) He said there is an obligation to come up with \$1 million state matching funding and to make sure there is no double-funding.

Currently CA Fish and Game is formulating the RFP, with a timeline similar to the FWS. He suggested the Yreka FWO contact Mike Bird, CDFG to obtain a list of restoration projects administered through his agency.

Agendum 7 **Assignment Yreka FWO staff will contact Mike Bird, CDFG, to obtain a complete list of projects funded by state or federal funds for restoration projects administered through the CDFG to coordinate project funding.**

Agendum 5e. Update from Long-term Funding Subcommittee

Keith Wilkinson said there has been no activity from the Subcommittee. It was decided to depend on the FWS for strategies to get money to work towards FY 2003, but time is running out and non-federal members need to approach Congressional representatives. He said this needs to be a coordinated effort and should be part of a proposal to Reauthorize the Klamath Act. Ronnie Pierce emphasized that \$2 or \$3 million was not spent early on and this should be included in the annual appropriations program. John Engbring said it might be possible to include an extra \$1 million funding request for FY 2003, 2004 and 2005 to capture these funds. Jim DePree said he supports getting these funds, especially if reauthorization does not occur.

Keith Wilkinson said a Question and Answer sheet needs to be developed as part of organizing support through legislative delegations. Chuck Blackburn suggested including Rep. Mike Thompson as he is knowledgeable about salmon issues. John Engbring stressed that the more congressional representatives the better. Keith Wilkinson said it is important to agree on amount in budget process and begin a discussion of strategies that might be employed. Mike Rode said fishery management and monitoring is an important component as BOR is de-funding \$2.5 million in monitoring programs. Gary Salvatore said it was important for the Task Force to first justify its existence by proving there are more fish in the Klamath Basin because of its efforts. Keith Wilkinson said this would be part of the Question and Answer sheet. Members spoke on the need to develop a draft document that addresses questions most likely to be asked as part of a Task Force funding request.

****Assignment** Yreka FWO staff will develop an outline of major questions that need to be addressed as part of any reauthorization/budget initiative. This outline could be incorporated into a question-and-answer document for congressional representatives and others. Included in the outline will be a description of how we could demonstrate a response in fish populations to Task Force actions.**

****Assignment** Yreka FWO staff will identify the amount of shortfall from the original \$20 million authorized by the Klamath Act of 1986; this number will be included in the FY 2003 budget.**

Agendum 5f. Status of Shasta Wetlands Project

John Engbring said that, although the original director of this has been reassigned, the FWS intends to move forward and to hold public meetings before setting priorities. He noted the two letters in the handouts (*See Handouts Agendum 5f*) commenting on this project.

Task Force Comment

Jim DePree said the Board of Supervisors favors restoration projects over fee-title projects. He said the Board might see this project as part of a solution in Shasta Valley, but it depends on how the refuge is proposed and they would rather see a conservation easement program than land acquisition. He said that

informing people is vital and to include groups such as the Siskiyou County Cattlemen's Association, watershed groups, etc. John Engbring said that the FWS commitment is to keep people informed and to include partners in the process.

Agendum 5g. Update on recovery planning

Don Reck gave a brief update on recovery planning. He said NMFS has identified domains of the southern Oregon/North California coastal area. The nomination period is closed for Technical Recovery Team (TRT) members. There is no funding to support team members and this is an issue. Names of the TRT candidates will be forwarded to the Science Advisory Committee which will forward their recommendations to regional offices. April 15 should be the start of the process.

Agendum 5h. National River Cleanup Week (May 12-19, 2001)

John Engbring announced the 10th annual National River Cleanup Week, May 12-19. The activity uses volunteers to clean up local waterways. The June 2000 cleanup brought together 54,000 volunteers. Contact (865) 558-3595 or rivercleanup@aol.com.

Agendum 5i. Klamath Basin Fish and Water Management Symposium

Ronnie Pierce said the Symposium will be May 22-25 at Humboldt State University, Arcata and registration packets will be mailed soon. The symposium planning committee's call for papers resulted in 140 potential presentations. Sabra Steinberg has been hired as symposium coordinator and will work closely with FWS and other groups in the Upper Basin. The committee is seeking more funding. John Engbring pointed out that the Task Force funded \$10,000 to the Symposium.

Agendum 6. Summary of October KFMC Meeting

Paul Kirk gave a review of the last KFMC meeting. A highlight was the trip to the Iron Gate hatchery and the Shasta River counting station where the group saw proof of a fantastic run of fish. He said the KFMC discussed the issue of a mid-season quota adjustment in abundant years, and will be making decisions on this issue in upcoming meetings. Members discussed the current system, agreeing that it works during median years but not during sub-par and abundant run years. Keith Wilkinson said this is an ongoing issue and there is a need for in-season management. The drawback is that this requires costly, real-time data. Mike Rode pointed out that most years the spawner floor has not been met and questioned whether fishermen would be willing to stop fishing if the mid-season data showed a low run. Jim DePree said there is a need for better coordination and integration of restoration monitoring.

Agendum 7. Report from Arcata FWO on field studies

Bruce Halstead spoke on the Klamath flow study. A technical group met to discuss the Prioritized Matrix and the most important needs for the flow study. The matrix is available through the Arcata FWO. He

discussed the Collaborative Resource Management program and said a coordinator is needed to link all ongoing projects. He outlined the Fry Density and Habitat Usage Project in which his office has been monitoring fry density from Iron Gate Dam to Seiad Valley. They will use the SIAM and SALMOD models to predict habitat fish use. Dr. Hardy is using this same information for the Phase 2 Report on instream flow requirements for salmon. Regarding the 70,000 fish run that came back to Iron Gate Hatchery, it was hoped that the natural portion was abundant but this was not the case – it was an average year for the natural run. The Arcata FWO conducted surveys with the Karuk and Yurok tribes: they saw 1578 redds (fourth highest count to date). There were only 989 last year, but in 1995 there were 3200 redds. In a coho spawn survey Dec. 5-Feb. 2, not a single coho redd was seen. Data on chinook redds was gathered, including cover, depth velocity information to use with Dr. Hardy's Phase 2 Report. Data was collected at the Screw Trap on Big Bar. Speaking on the June 2000 fish kill, Bruce Halstead said problems with increased water temperature and pathogenic organisms had an effect on stressed fish. Coho and chinook outmigration index is half of 12-year average.

Task Force Comment

Mike Belchik commented that the Trinity River had similar high temperatures but no fish die-off. Bruce Halstead speculated that the Trinity River may have more cold-water refugia to protect fish. Mike Belchik discussed how Klamath monitoring has focused on harvestable species. He said there is an ongoing debate on whether to focus attention on fish in crisis (steelhead and coho) or the more numerous fall chinook. Mike Rode said fall chinook are easier to study and the DFG has focused programs on steelhead and coho.

Agendum 8. Report from Technical Work Group

Dan Gale, TWG Chair, gave a report of the TWG reviews of sub-basin plans. TWG has met twice, with the first meeting in Ashland attracting a large turnout for the SIAM Model discussion. The TWG's usual procedure is to conduct a field trip at its first meeting, followed by a review of the sub-basin plan at the subsequent meeting. However, because of the weather, Pete Brucker presented a slide show on the Salmon River at the January meeting, with a field visit planned for May 9. The Lower Basin Plan review was also completed at the January meeting. In March, TWG will review the Salmon River Plan.

A one-day meeting on January 5 allowed for lengthy discussion of spring chinook; TWG has concerns with including them with all chinook as per NMFS ESU status. Members said there is a great need for further research and monitoring of spring chinook. Actual counts were down this year in the Salmon River. The next TWG meeting is March 8-9 in Yreka with a mid-Klamath Plan review. May 29-31 is the TWG ranking meeting. Dan Gale expressed concern that the format given to the Shasta and Scott River groups were not well-organized and he has asked TWG to revisit those sub-basin plans to get comments in a more organized fashion. He added that TWG input has been well received by sub-basins.

In response to comments, Dan Gale said some of the returns were not good last year, especially spring chinook and coho. These species spend more time in the river as juveniles than fall chinook.

Dan Gale said there was discussion of having a TWG meeting with the Budget Committee after ranking of proposals and before the Task Force June meeting to gain consensus. TWG does not want another meeting but Dan Gale is willing to attend the BC meeting as a representative.

He added that there is an ongoing issue of lack of consensus on priorities but that TWG is a technical body and projects will be ranked on their technical merit. Members agreed that chronic underfunding means many high-ranked projects will not be funded.

Agendum 9. Report from the Budget Committee

As Mike Orcutt was not present, Mike Rode gave the report from the Budget Committee. Attending members were Kent Bulfinch, Jim DePree (for Joan Smith), Ron Iverson (for John Engbring), Mike Orcutt (for Joseph Jarnaghan), Mike Rode and Keith Wilkinson. He explained that the Budget Committee

is comprised of Task Force members appointed by the Chair, but meetings are open to all Task Force members. Only appointed members have voting status. The purpose of the BC is to prioritize how the money is spent, review administrative expenses and make recommendations for Task Force approval. The BC met Nov. 16, 2000 to allocate the expenses of the \$1 million budget.

Agendum 9a. Report from the Budget Committee: Recommendations

Mike Rode and Jim De Pree reviewed the recommendations from the Budget Committee. (*See Handout Agendum 9a: Memo from the BC*). Mike Rode covered the items on this list. He also detailed the Budget Allocation Recommendation table (*See Handout Agendum 9a: Budget Allocation*). The recommendations were as follows:

- Issue #1

Set-asides should consist of \$341,300 for program administration and \$10,000 for technical support to the TWG. Technical support to the TWG should be identified in the Fiscal Year 2002 Request for Proposals, to allow for competition.

- Issue #2

Request an update of the sub-basin planning process from the sub-basin groups. This should be provided at the February Task Force meeting. The Task Force will decide how much planning funding will be appropriate for each group after hearing from them.

- Issue #3

1) Schedule a joint Budget Committee and TWG meeting after the proposal ranking process and before the June Task Force meeting. 2) In that meeting, schedule enough time to complete the list of projects for consensus between the Budget Committee and the TWG for a “do pass” resolution by the Budget Committee. Any Task Force member may attend that meeting, but voting will be restricted to appointed members of the Budget Committee or their alternates, and 3) Funding categories will remain generally static across fiscal years in order to give logical shape to the Restoration Program, but may be adjusted to consider new information.

- Issue #4

1) Request updates from alternative funding sources. These should be provided as early as possible, as these programs are on various schedules, and 2) For the FY 2003 process, the Task Force should consider adjusting its planning schedule to be better informed about other funding sources (i.e., the June Task Force meeting could be delayed until funding decisions are made by the State of California programs).

Issue #5

The TWG should consider the possibility of adding a new “Endangered Species Act” funding category.

John Engbring pointed out that the Task Force has final say on recommendations and he wants to avoid scheduling too many meetings.

Agendum 9b. Report from the Budget Committee: FY 2002 RFP

The Budget Committee requested changes to the FY 2002 RFP based on recommendations from the Budget Committee memo (*See Handout Agendum 9b*). John Engbring requested that any changes be given to the Task Force in writing.

Agendum 10. Public Comment

Felice Pace, KFA, commented on several issues. He said the BLM property on the Scott River is an excellent site for a monitoring station if funding for additional gages becomes available. Referring to Agendum 5d, CDFG projects, he said the Tree of Heaven project was funded to undo a previous restoration project and he doubts the viability of CCC-type projects such as the ones on Beaver and Horse creeks in which log cable structures were buried. Regarding the Scott River, he said that although KFA is an advocate of upslope projects, they don't work in the Scott because we don't have the flows to get to the fish to the habitats and they only help timber companies with their TMDLs. If the instability of the above-slope is not addressed, these restoration projects are a waste. Regarding long-term funding, he recommended that downstream issues be included in the Salmon Initiative. He recommended a briefing packet on Klamath Basin issues be developed for press/congressional distribution; this could be updated annually. He cautioned against seeing the large return of the fish as abundance, and said the condition of the watersheds is the important factor, as is the condition of refugia. Since 1996, there has been significant degradation of the watershed. Regarding the Shasta Wetlands projects, he referred to the BLM Resource Management Plan which called for the purchase of the wetlands. Nearly 40,000 acres have been privatized and only 2,000 acres have been purchased for the project. Regarding the spring chinook, genetic information is not very strong on listing them as an endangered species but KFA is initiating discussions with tribes and sport/commercial fishermen. Felice Pace praised the Budget Committee for their excellent job with the budget.

Agendum 11. Report from the Klamath Watershed Coordination Group

- a. Hatfield Upper Klamath Basin Working Group (Jim Carpenter)
- b. Klamath Basin Compact Commission (Alice Kilham)
- c. Trinity Task Force (Mike Orcutt)

a. Jim Carpenter, Hatfield Upper Klamath Basin Working Group, gave a brief background on his group, which was established in 1996 and comes up for reauthorization in 2002. Their current approach is to engage congressional delegations, particularly Reps. Smith, Wyden and Walden. The group will ask for \$1 million per year in funding for five years of authorization. The focus is on developing the Basin-wide Restoration Plan, and the group plans to hire a coordinator. The group's website is www.Klamathgroup.org. He outlined the press release on the “Watershed Approach to Federal Land and Resource Management” plan proposed by the DOI and Dept. of Agriculture (*See Handout Agendum 11: Press Release.*)

He pointed out that restoration projects such as the Tulana Farms/Williamson River Delta, which is not yet showing a dramatic return of suckers, are long-term projects, and people should have patience with restoration projects.

b. Alice Kilham, Klamath Basin Compact Commission, said the commission is in flux. There are two new members. She plans to stay on the commission for another 6 months to help the California and Oregon representatives establish a presence. She said the TMDL citizens committee will meet to address Klamath Lake issues in March.

c. Mike Orcutt was not present, therefore this was moved to Agendum 15a.

Task Force Comment

Mike Belchik asked about the basin-wide restoration plan. Mike Rode pointed out that it has taken decades to decrease the number of salmon and it will take decades to restore watershed conditions to allow salmon to return.

Agendum 12. Reports from Sub-basin Coordinators on the Status of Sub-basin Planning and Restoration Efforts

These presentations are being done in February rather than June, based on Budget Committee recommendation.

Agendum 12a. Lower Klamath Sub-basin

Dan Gale, Yurok Tribe, said the draft restoration plan was completed last spring with comments received recently from TWG. The digitizing of extensive air photo analysis of timber harvest, road constructions, etc. is done; this project was funded by the Task Force and conducted by a GIS coordinator. This will allow people to look at harvesting, road density, stream crossing and other information. The information will be put on a CD-ROM and included in the final report. The plan is a working document with new information being added. The Simpson Habitat Conservation Plan, which will dictate the timber company's land management policy for the next 50 years, will be identified and discussed when it is available.

Dan Gale said the Blue Creek Upslope Assessment was finalized this past winter. The group tries to conduct a watershed analysis each winter to identify potential erosion spots, prioritize road segments for upgrading and/or decommissioning, etc. The group works with Simpson to seek alternatives such as helicopter and yarding methods instead of using their legacy roads. Crews have done extensive decommissioning. The group received substantial funding from the state of California for Blue Creek and other drainages. The group is getting more involved in in-channel activities and riparian activities and has planted 8,000 trees along stream-side roads.

Dan Gale said mainstem and estuary issues in the lower Klamath basin will be handled separately. The plan is to put together a study to understand the estuary and try to dovetail with Mike Wallace's biological samplings and research. Too little is known right now to put together a restoration plan for the estuary. In response to a question about funding, Dan Gale said there is no immediate need for planning funding and stressed that time is the issue, not money. He said we could use funding to get planning done in the Klamath Estuary.

Agendum 12b. Salmon River Sub-basin

Jim Villeponteaux, Salmon River Restoration Council, gave an update on the Salmon River Sub-basin plan. The Salmon is 98% federally managed, and much of it is wilderness. The first draft Plan was released October 1999. TWG will review it in March. Priorities are drainages, road decommissioning and fire planning/education. Obstacles are lack of education among residents about the result of years of fire suppression, and the lack of funding from the U.S. Forest Service, which receives funds for fire suppression, not fuels management. So far, 37 miles of road have been decommissioned and the group will complete the entire road inventory by 2001.

Jim Villeponteaux mentioned other work, including 1) the Karuk Tribe's Angler Guide Cooperative Fisheries monitoring training and fish monitoring of spring and fall chinook and winter steelhead, 2) bridge restoration at Merrill Creek in Siskiyou County to improve fish passage, and 3) noxious weed management and removal (spotted knapweed and Scottish broom). Currently, water is low on the Salmon because rainfall is at 30% of average. Jim Villeponteaux elaborated on the Salmon River's fire management plan, including the Fire Safe Council, which had its first meeting Dec. 19, 2000. The group will develop a fire management strategy for the community, including preliminary fire planning on private lands, emergency access and developing buffer areas around towns. The Fire Safe Council received Task Force funding.

Pete Brucker discussed the Salmon River's fish population (*See Handout Agendum 12b*). He said fish numbers are very low, especially spring chinook, but there are limited resources to ascertain the cause. There were only 222 spring chinook in 2000. The group needs to figure out how to assess fish monitoring. Overall, he said the SRRC is doing a good job because of cooperation and communication between partners. He mentioned public information/education programs, such as the elementary school education program in Siskiyou County.

Agendum 12c. Shasta River Sub-basin

Jim DePree, spoke for Dave Webb, Shasta CRMP, who was not able to attend but sent a letter. (*See Handout Agendum 12c*). Jim DePree covered the main points of Dave Webb's letter, including funded projects in the Shasta River sub-basin and achievements, such as the Cardoza Fish Screen, the first solar-powered rotary fish screen. The issue of large numbers of returning chinook was addressed. He noted that Bogus Creek had 35,000 spawning salmon, half of which were hatchery fish. These numbers may not be just hatchery stray and Bogus Creek should be monitored. Jim DePree stated that the Deas water quality model that the Task Force funded last year is now fully funded due to contributions from CDFG.

Agendum 12d. Scott River Sub-basin

Jeffy Davis-Marx and Carlin Finke, SRWC, outlined restoration activities of the sub-basin. They mentioned the extensive fish screen program, riparian protection and planting (80% of main stem fenced), instream restoration, water conservation, road inventories/improvement and the fish monitoring program. The sub-basin plans to have the Scott River Strategic Action Plan completed by June 2002, and will soon hire a planner/technical writer. The group is requesting \$185,621 as part of Prop 13 for assessment and has received \$10,582 from the Task Force and \$11,171 from CDFG. Jeffy Davis-Marx outlined the challenges of the sub-basin, including the different entities that need to agree to the plan (55% is private land).

Carlin Finke, a Humboldt State graduate researcher has been compiling existing information and meeting with residents/groups in the Scott Valley. She helped organize a community mapping event. She described the process of describing factors that limit healthy fish. These factors were detailed and will be put into a GIS layer and consolidated into a matrix for various areas of the watershed. This will help identify where restoration projects should be done. A written document will be ready by March. Keith Wilkinson said it was a good idea for the KFMC to be invited to a pot luck in Scott Valley last October.

Agendum 12e. Mid-Klamath Sub-basin

Toz Soto, Karuk Tribe and Mid-Klamath Sub-basin coordinator, described his 1500-square mile area as having the highest accumulation of key watersheds of any sub-basin. The sub-basin encompasses Iron Gate Dam to Weitchpec, with primarily federal ownership and some private holdings scattered along the river near Iron Gate. Currently, Phase 1 of the plan has been released with Phase 2 for TWG review in March. The group has held informative meetings with the community throughout the watershed to get input. Phase 3 plan will be ready by June, with TWG comments incorporated. There is funding for Phase 4, which will include a prioritization matrix, Janus maps on anadromous fish range in tributaries, disturbance summary on timber management, fire and mining and urbanization. There is a need for fire planning and Karuk Tribe has been active in fuel reduction projects such as shaded fuels breaks.

The Sub-basin supports the new watershed group in Orleans-Somes Bar that met June 2000. He mentioned the riparian fencing work being done in the Cottonwood Creek area upstream of I-5 and at Horse Creek as well as the biannual meetings of the Mid-Klamath Anglers Group, sponsored by the Karuks to aid recovery of steelhead salmon. The USFS is assessing roads in most of the creeks in the area

Agendum 12f. Task Force Discussion

Task Force members commented on the following sub-basin plans:

Agendum 12b: Alan Olson, USFS, said the USFS' focus on fire suppression is shifting and he mentioned the 12,000-acre Tail Creek Watershed fire plan as an example. Keith Wilkinson said people need to be educated about the misconception that fire is bad, and stressed the importance of school programs. He said controlled burns and fuels management costs less than fighting a big fire (ca. \$4,600 per acre.)

Agendum 12d: John Engbring asked about the \$186,000 the group is requesting for assessment. He was told it will be used for habitat typing, water balance, model, water use model, hydrology, etc. Fish usage is still not being addressed. Don Russell asked about horse grazing and fuels management. There will be a Grazing Management Workshop in March in Scott Valley.

Agendum 12e: John Engbring asked about the schedule of the Mid-Klamath plan and noted the group is still in the initial phase. Toz Soto said getting community members involved is a slow process as his group just started in May 2000. Mike Rode asked about on-the-ground projects that have been funded. Fuels reduction, road restoration, and monitoring have been going on in the basin. Felice Pace said that some of the best road decommissioning planning was done at the Ukonom District due to involvement of the Karuk Tribe and that Toz Soto got access to the land for the Rodgers Creek project. Jim DePree mentioned the flow gages done by the Karuk Tribe. Al Olson said his sense is that there is a lot of activity taking place concurrent with the plan, now we need to get the plan to the point where it can guide projects.

Agendum 13. TMDL Processes in the Klamath River Basin/Status of Coordination Efforts between California, Oregon and EPA

Chris Heppe, EPA, spoke on the level of coordination between California and Oregon on the TMDL processes. He noted that the TMDL process can be a powerful tool to help Task Force achieve its objectives. A major challenge for coordination across state lines is that Oregon (Dept. of Environmental Quality) lists water bodies according to rivers and California (North Coast Regional Water Quality Board) lists them according to the watershed. Temperature is the most pervasive parameter on the Klamath River, plus sediment impairment needs to be addressed, especially in the lower basin in California.

He noted the TMDL schedule, as follows:

Oregon

2000 – Upper Klamath Lake, Williamson, Sprague (this has slipped but progress is being made).

2002 – Lost River

2004 – Upper Klamath

California

2001 - Trinity River. EPA is the lead and will make a presentation at the Symposium.

2004 – Lost River, Lower Klamath, Mid-Klamath, Salmon River

2005 – Scott River, Shasta River

Chris Heppe noted that nationally, lawsuits are forcing TMDLs to be processed more rapidly and that public review may be extended. He said that Oregon is implementing allocation plans, however, because these are not being required in California, this is not being done there. The two states have begun to meet and may work together on the Lost River coordinating technical data collection. He believes the EPA is going to take a basin-wide approach to the Lost River, and that funding is being sought to create one Lost

River document. He urged Task Force members to send him updated material for inclusion on the EPA and Water Board websites.

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NCRWQB: Caryn Woodhouse - (707) 570-3760. Her focus is exclusively on the Klamath.

Agendum 14. Public Comment

Felice Pace, KFA, said that no research is being done above Clear Lake and work should be coordinated with the Modoc Tribe. He noted that on-the-ground projects are the strength of sub-basin plans. He stressed that “sacred cows,” i.e. issues such as flows and dams, must be addressed. He said he is not sure we will ever have plans that say what we need to do. Creeks in Scott Valley are dry but ditches are wet. We need to take some of our funds and purchase water. We have good coordinators that know what we need to do, just need to do it.

Jennifer Kelly, PacifiCorp, said the company is meeting with the states to coordinate the TMDL process.

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Reconvene

The following members were not present: Dave Bitts (California Commercial Salmon Industry) and Elwood Miller (Klamath Tribe).

Agendum 15a. Report from Klamath Watershed Coordination Group/Trinity Task Force

Mike Orcutt, Hoopa Valley Tribe and TMC member, reported that the new Trinity Management Council will meet Feb. 21. He spoke briefly on the lawsuit, Westlands vs. Babbitt. The goal of the TMC is to implement the ROD. Funding sources, such as FWS, CVPIA, NMFS and the state of California will be explored. The ROD has identified \$11-\$17 million for its first 3 years of program. Priority items are replacing bridges and active channel restoration. BOR has funded \$6.5 million. On January 10, BOR announced looking at criteria in obligations to fund various projects in the basin with a \$2 million reduction in monitoring. There is much concern about this. Mike Orcutt also described the new Trinity Management Council, which replaces the Trinity Task Force. (*See Handout Agendum 11: Trinity River Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management Organization Structure*). The TMC will have a working group, Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group, consisting of members from stakeholder groups as well as state/federal agencies, tribes, etc. The working group would report to the TMC executive director who would forward recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior.

Agendum 15b. Task Force Review of Recommendations from Mid-term Evaluation Oversight Committee

Ronnie Pierce asked Task Force members to review the list of Subcommittee Recommendations, as follows. (*See Handout Agendum 15b*). Decisions were reached on the following items:

Item IS-1. Maintain Instream structure policy and require testing of 10-year event discharge to gauge runoff. The Task Force recommend deleting language that requires testing of 10-year event discharge to gauge runoff.

Item LH-1. Reform working group to assure hatchery practices are improved and standardized. The Task Force will support and encourage a working group to review hatchery practices.

Item LH-2. Work with CDFG to determine optimum chinook as related to flow levels. The Task Force will accept the recommendation of the KFMC to delete this item.

Item LH-3. Work with CDFG to establish universal marking. Rewrite the recommendation to read: The KFMC will work with fishery co-managers to explore alternative marking methods at both hatcheries within the Klamath Basin and to improve the inventory method of fish released.

Item LH-5. Remove recommendation to use surplus hatchery eggs for enhancement. The Task Force agrees to remove this recommendation.

Item LH-6. Remove recommendation to study disease resistance in Iron Gate hatchery steelhead. The Task Force accepts the TWG recommendation to keep this recommendation.

Item LH-7. Remove recommendation to support new water filters at Iron Gate hatchery. The Task Force agrees.

Item LH-8. Encourage re-establishment of Iron Gate steelhead. The Task Force encourages and supports the steelhead program at Iron Gate Hatchery and the need to study and determine life history pattern of existing Iron Gate rainbow trout and steelhead.

Item SH-2. Remove recommendation to establish small-scale hatchery guidelines. The Task Force rejects this and continues to recommend small-scale hatchery guidelines..

Agendum 15c. FERC Relicensing

Ronnie Pierce said FERC needs to have on record all pertinent, real plans that are in the Klamath Basin to be considered in the FERC relicensing. She wants to ensure that the Task Force incorporates its recommendations from the Mid-Term Review into the Long-Range plan so these can be submitted to FERC for the record. Comments on the first-stage documents are due on March 26, 2001. The Task Force has until 2004 to submit final documents.

****Assignment** YFWO staff will work with Ronnie Pierce and Randy Brown to determine the schedule for submitting Task Force recommendations/documents to FERC for the Relicensing Review.**

Task Force Comment

Keith Wilkinson expressed concern about Iron Gate Dam mitigation numbers and said they should be revisited because Iron Gate Dam is not passable. Jennifer Kelly, PacifiCorp, responded by describing the Fish Advisory Team that will meet this summer to discuss this; Task Force members are invited to attend. She also stated that FERC needs copies of all management plans by the time the application is submitted in 2004. Keith Wilkinson suggested that the Task Force make a presentation. John Engbring said the FWS perspective is that all options are on the table and no specific recommendations have been made. Mike Orcutt asked how a federal advisory body submits its comments to this process; John Engbring said separate agencies will be submitting comments in writing.

Note: Bruce Halstead acted as temporary Task Force Chair for Agendum 16, 16a, 16b and 17.

Agendum 16. The Klamath Harvest Management Process

Mark Hampton, CDFG, and George Kautsky, KRTAT, spoke on the monitoring requirements of the harvest management process to give Task Force members a better understanding of funding of harvest and population monitoring. They said the KFMC has unsuccessfully tried to get independent funding for these studies in the past.

Agendum 16a. Data Collection, the Megatable and Population Trends

Mark Hampton, CDGF, new Yreka CDFG biologist since Nov. 1, 2000, spoke on the data collection, the megatable and population trends. (*See Handout Agendum 16a*). He gave a brief slide show on methods of determining hatchery escapement, including the Willow Creek Station on the Trinity River and the video weir on the Shasta River, creel survey throughout the mainstem and the carcass surveys on the Salmon

and Scott rivers. Direct counts are done at the Trinity and Iron Gate Dam hatcheries. He noted that the 2000 run was the fourth highest run on record for chinook salmon. The adult return was the highest since 1978 with 83,589 fish, however this was mostly (45% of the run) hatchery fish. Harvest levels for 2000 were third-highest with 36,000 fish. Trinity was below average for natural spawners, Salmon River run was poor, Scott River was near average with 6,253 fish and Shasta River had an outstanding run, with more than double the average and the third highest run on record. Grilse return was about half the average run in the Klamath Basin. At Bogus Creek, 63% of the run was hatchery. He noted that Bogus Creek habitat and water conditions are good and are sustaining wild fish. He acknowledged the help of cooperators in conducting spawning surveys: Karuk Tribe, Americorps, Salmon River Restoration Council, local schools, and local landowners.

Task Force Comment

Keith Wilkinson expressed concern about the lack of observations of mainstem spawning activities. Mike Rode said this could be due to a number of factors, including scouring of gravels in the mainstem.

Agendum 16b. Stock Prediction, Harvest Allocation and the Natural Spawner Floor

George Kautsky, KRTAT Chair and Hoopa Tribal representative, spoke on stock prediction, harvest allocation and the natural spawner floor, primarily of fall chinook. He outlined the collection of data from ocean impacts (mixed stock fisheries, coded wire tag database) and the megatable (river impacts, natural spawning escapement, hatchery programs, age composition). He said determining the age of fish is extremely vital because it forecasts the return of sibling stock. Stock prediction is achieved through coded wire tag analyses, cohort reconstruction, and development of an age-specific ocean stock size predictor. For example, 9,000 jacks this year will predict the number of 3-year-old fish next year. George Kautsky explained the Harvest Rate Management adopted by PFMC in 1986 and the tribal/non-tribal quota of fish. He also discussed the spawner escapement floor of 35,000 natural adult spawners. He said the fisheries were managed to meet the floor in 8 out of the last 10 years.

Agendum 17. Public Comment

Felice Pace, KFA, addressed the mid-term review statement on acquiring water rights from willing sellers, an issue first raised in 1986. He said this has been done in the Scott River Valley and should be done more. He said data from brood years should be correlated into flow data. Prop. 13 funds and Coastal Salmon funds should be used to address flows, especially during periods of minimal impact to agriculture.

Pete Brucker, Salmon River, expressed his concern about the low numbers in Salmon river and that over half of fish are from hatcheries and Bogus Creek. He stressed that not enough is still known about the fish. There is some non-cooperation among various people who are unsatisfied with fish management policies. He said fish assessment needs to have more funding, and that Task Force needs to look at more funding through its partnerships.

Agendum 18. Task Force Decision on FY 2002 Restoration Program: Budget

Mike Rode summarized the recommendations from the Budget Committee meeting on November 16, 2000 (*See Handouts Agendum 9a*) as follows:

Item #1: Set-asides for non-Fish and Wildlife Service administrative support for TWG

The Task Force agreed with this recommendation.

****Motion** Mike Belchik moved to adopt the Budget Committee Issue recommendation (Issue #1) on set-asides.**

****Second** Mike Rode seconded the motion.**

****Motion Carried** unanimously.**

Item #2: Category 2 funding for sub-basin planning efforts

There was much Task Force discussion about the breakdown of funds. Ronnie Pierce proposed that the budget be allocated along simple lines: \$431,000 for administrative, \$125,000 for CRMPs/sub-basins, \$150,000 for essential harvest monitoring programs. TWG would then rank proposals that come in through the RFP process (field work, educational, research and additional planning needs). Al Olson showed members a proposed budget allocation that would call for \$431,300 for administration, Category 1 Restoration would be \$293,700 (29%), Category 2 Planning \$125,000 (13%) and Category 3 Monitoring \$150,000 (15%).

Gary De Salvatore said he did not support funds for planning and the Task Force should fund more on-the-ground projects. Several members said new sources of funding are changing the budget needs of groups. Jim DePree said he hears a need for more Category 3 funding. Al Olson expressed his concern that restoration projects would not be adequately funded. The Task Force did not agree on a distribution of funding among categories and instead agreed to decide on this that after they look at the proposals that are submitted.

Item #3: Ensure more collaboration between TWG and Budget Committee for the ranking process

It was decided that a Budget Subcommittee will meet June 7 in Hoopa, CA, to discuss Items #2-5 and the ranking process. Budget Subcommittee members are: John Engbring, Mike Orcutt, Joan Smith, Mike Rode, Kent Bulfinch and Keith Wilkinson. Mike Belchik and Ronnie Pierce requested that Yurok and Karuk tribe representatives serve on the committee.

Item #4: Alternative funding sources

It was decided to ask proposers to identify alternative sources of funding in their proposals.

Item #5: Inclusion of coho salmon and possibly steelhead in the restoration planning process.

It was decided to encourage monitoring of sensitive, threatened, and endangered species in the RFP process.

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Agendum 19. Status of Klamath Project and Long-term EIS

Karl Wirkus, BOR, said the NRCS forecast as of Feb. 1 was that rainfall will be 44% of normal this year, which is not a very big year. BOR is still formulating its game plan but is still short of \$5 million in the budget to move forward on a feasibility study. The BOR has gone to the public with a \$4 million pilot study asking demand-reduction and acquisition of groundwater supplies and potential surface water. He said there has been considerable interest and the initial offer period ends this week. He gave an update on the Klamath Project and said the BOR is consulting with NMFS and FWS on effects to listed species from operation of projects. He detailed the chart comparing Klamath Falls Water Year 2001 precipitation with average precipitation and Water Year 1977, the driest Oct-Jan period on record. (*See Handout Agendum 19*).

He concluded by saying that BOR is facing preliminary recommendations from NMFS and FWS in a projected low water year, and this is a difficult situation. He said it is imperative that all cooperating agencies meet to discuss this issue.

Agendum 20. Department of Interior Instream Flow Needs Assessment

Dr. Thomas Hardy, Utah State University, was unable to attend due to inclement weather.

Agendum 21. Status of Consultations on the Klamath Project and Long-term EIS

Don Reck, NMFS, and John Engbring, FWS, gave the summary. Don Reck said that Dr. Hardy is working on completing the Phase 2 Instream Flow Recommendations and he emphasized that it is NMFS' intention to implement Phase 2, not Phase 1. NMFS received the final Biological Assessment from Reclamation, in which proposed flows for Iron Gate Dam are the lowest since 1962. NMFS' view is that FERC flows are generally insufficient and the minimum flows proposed are too low. Don Reck said NMFS will evaluate the assessment provided by Reclamation and analyze the action proposed and associated minimum flows recommended.

John Engbring said the FWS is in the process of consultation with BOR. An early Biological Assessment was received from Reclamation on Dec. 2000 and the FWS found deficiencies including proposed lake levels that were too low to support suckers. FWS is now waiting for the final assessment from Reclamation so FWS can complete a Biological Opinion for Reclamation's use this water year.

John Engbring said FWS is planning to complete a Biological Opinion on April 1 but the assessment must first be received from Reclamation.

Task Force Comment

Don Russell said that, speaking as a private citizen, he would be hard-pressed to give away water he owns. He said that the situation is extremely severe. John Engbring concurred that this is a serious problem with the limited amount of water available. Jim De Pree asked how FWS takes into account different water years. Don Reck replied that NMFS evaluates the assessment and looks at water year types. In some years, Hardy Phase 1 flows may be unattainable. When the Hardy Phase 2 study is released, it will be reviewed.

Agendum 22. Recap and Summary of Assignments and Motions

John Engbring summarized the list of assignments and motions. (*See attached list*).

Agendum 23. Date and location of meeting following June 2001 meeting

The June meeting will be held June 21-22 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The next meeting will be held October 10-11 in Yreka, CA.

Adjourn

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS**KLAMATH RIVER BASIN FISHERIES TASK FORCE
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AFS	American Fisheries Society
BA	Biological Assessment
BC	Budget Committee
BO	Biological Opinion
BOR	Bureau of Reclamation
BRD	Biological Resources Division
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CDWR	California Department of Water Resources
Council	Pacific Fishery Management Council
CPUE	Catch-per-unit-effort
CRMP	Coordinated Resource Management Program
CVI	Central Valley Index
CVM	Contingency Valuation Method
CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act
DFG	Department of Fish and Game
DOC	Department of Commerce
DOE	Department of Ecology
EA	Environmental Assessment
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ESA	Endangered Species Act
F&G Commission	Fish and Game Commission (CA)
FMP	Fishery Management Plan
GIS	Graphic Information System
HAWG	Harvest Allocation Working Group
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
I/O	Input/Output
IFIM	Instream Flow Incremental Methodology
IGD	Iron Gate Dam
IGH	Iron Gate Hatchery
KCZ	Klamath Control Zone
KFA	Klamath Forest Alliance
KFMC	Klamath Fishery Management Council
KMZ	Klamath Management Zone
KOHM	Klamath Ocean Harvest Model
KP	Klamath Project
KPOP	Klamath Project Operation Process
KRSMG	Klamath River Salmon Management Group
KRTT or	Klamath River Technical Team
KRTAT	Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
LCDC	Land Conservation and Development Commission
LIAM	Legal and Institutional Analysis Model
LR	Long Range

MFCMA	Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act
MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MSY	Maximum Sustained Yield
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NEV	Net Economic Value
NCIDC	Northern California Indian Development Council
NGO	Non Governmental Office
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPPA	Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act
NWS	National Weather Service
OCN	Oregon Coastal Natural
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
OFR	Office of Federal Register
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OY	Optimum Yield
PAC	Provincial Advisory Committee
PacFIN	Pacific Coast Fisheries Information Network
PFMC	Pacific Fishery Management Council
PSTA	Pacific Salmon Treaty Act
RIR/IRFA	Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
RCD	Resource Conservation Service
SAS	Salmon Advisory Subpanel
SCS	Soil Conservation Service
SEIS	Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
STT	Salmon Technical Team
TAT	Technical Advisory Team
TCC	Technical Coordinating Committee
TFF	Trinity Task Force
TID	Talant Irrigation District
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load]
UBA	Upper Basin Amendment
WCZMP	Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program
WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
WEF	Washington Department of Fisheries
WFA	Women for Agriculture

FINAL AGENDA

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February 8, 2001

- 8:00 AM 1. Convene and opening remarks. John Engbring, chair. There was no vice-chair.
- 8:15 2. Business
- a. Adoption of agenda
 - b. Adoption of minutes from October 2000 meeting
 - c. Vice chair for next meeting is Chuck Blackburn, Del Norte County
- 8:30 3. Introductions of Congressional staff in attendance
- 8:45 4. Brief review of last meeting actions/general correspondence/program update
(Laurie Simons)
- 9:00 5. Brief Updates and Announcements
- a. Status of streamgage funding (Robert Mason, USGS)
 - b. Status of appointment letters (John Engbring)
 - c. Status of funding for Klamath River Flow Study (John Engbring)
 - d. Status on CDFG funding efforts (Mike Rode)
 - e. Update from Long-term Funding Sub-committee (Keith Wilkinson)
 - f. Status of Shasta Wetlands Project (John Engbring)
 - g. Update on recovery planning (Don Reck)
 - h. National River Cleanup Week May 22-19, 2001 (John Engbring)
 - i. Klamath Basin Fish and Water Management Symposium (Ronnie Pierce)
- 9:45 6. Summary of October KFMC Meeting (Paul Kirk)
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 7. Report from Arcata FWO on field studies (Bruce Halstead)
- 11:00 8. Report from Technical Work Group (Dan Gale)
- 11:30 9. Report from Budget Committee (Mike Orcutt)
- a. Recommendations to Task Force
 - b. FY 2002 RFP development
- 12:00 p.m. 10. Public Comment

- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:30 11. Report from Klamath Watershed Coordination Group
 a. Hatfield Upper Klamath Basin Working Group (Jim Carpenter)
 b. Klamath Basin Compact Commission (Alice Kilham)
- 2:00 12. Reports from Sub-basin Coordinators on the status of sub-basin planning and
 restoration efforts
 a. Lower Klamath Sub-basin (Dan Gale, Yurok Tribe)
 b. Salmon River Sub-basin (Jim Villeponteaux, SRRC)
 c. Shasta River Sub-basin (Jim DePree presented for Dave Webb, Shasta CRMP)
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 d. Scott River Sub-basin (Jeffy Davis-Marx, Carlin Finke, SRWC)
 e. Mid-Klamath Sub-basin (Toz Soto, Karuk Tribe)
 f. Task Force Discussion
- 4:15 13. TMDL Processes in the Klamath River basin and the status of coordination efforts
 among California, Oregon and EPA (Chris Heppe, EPA)
- 4:45 Public Comment

February 9, 2000

- 8:00 a.m. 15a. Report from Klamath Watershed Coordination Group: Trinity River Task Force
 (Mike Orcutt)
- 15b. Task Force review of recommendations from Mid-term Evaluation Oversight
 Committee (Ronnie Pierce, Mike Belchik)
- 15c. Task Force comments on FERC relicensing of Iron Gate Dam (Ronnie Pierce)
- 9:30 Break
- 9:45 16. The Klamath Harvest Management Process
 a. Data collection, the megatable and population trends (Mark Hampton, CDFG)
 b. Stock prediction, harvest allocation, natural spawner floor (George Kautsky,
 KRTAT)
- 10:45 17. Public Comment
- 11:00 18. Task Force Decision on FY 2002 Restoration Program: Budget
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 19. Status of 2000 Klamath Project Operations and Long-term Plan/EIS
 (Karl Wirkus)

- 1:45 20. Department of Interior Instream Flow Needs Assessment (Dr. Thomas Hardy, Utah State University) - canceled
- 2:45 21. Status of consultations on the Klamath Project and Long-term EIS (Don Reck, NMFS, John Engbring, DOI)
- 3:15 22. Recap and Summary of Assignments and Motions (John Engbring)
- 2:45 23. Set date and location of meeting after next (next meeting is in Klamath Falls, June 21-22, 2001).
- 3:00 Adjourn

LIST OF HANDOUTS

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| Agendum 4 | Letter to Mike Pool, State Director, BLM, from John Engbring, Task Force Chair, regarding erosion control on USFS and BLM administered roads within the Klamath Basin. Dated Nov. 21, 2000 |
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| Agendum 4 | Memo to Chief, Contracting and General Services, Region 1, from USFWS regarding operating procedures for selecting and funding projects of the Klamath River Restoration Program, dated April 1, 1991. |
| Agendum 4 | Task Force Unspent and Incomplete Projects 3-Year Cutoff as of Feb. 1, 2001 |
| Agendum 4 | FY 2000 FWS Restoration Projects in the Klamath River Basin |
| Agendum 4 | Letter to John Hamilton, Task Force, from Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection re French Creek Fire Safe Council meeting. Dated Jan. 19, 2001. |
| Agendum 4 | Letter to John Engbring Task Force Chair, from CDFG appointing Mark Hampton as DFG representative to the TWG. Dated Jan. 18, 2001. |
| Agendum 4 | Letter to Ron Iverson, FWS, from Karuk Tribe, appointing Toz Soto as Karuk Tribal representatives to the TWG. Dated. Jan. 3, 2001. |
| * Agendum 5a | FY2001 Funding Proposal for Klamath River Basin USGS Streamgauge network |
| * Agendum 5d | Klamath River SB 271 Approved Projects for 2000 |
| Agendum 5f | Letter from Marcia Armstrong, Executive Director, Siskiyou County Farm Bureau to Task Force, regarding Shasta Wetlands Project. Dated Jan. 31, 2001. |
| Agendum 9a | Budget Allocation, Task Force FY 2002, Draft Feb. 8, 2001 |
| Agendum 9a | Budget Committee memo to Task Force with Budget Committee recommendations. |
| *Agendum 9b | Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) Packet |

- * Agendum 11 News Release, Clean Water Action Plan. Dated Oct. 18, 2000.
- * Agendum 11 Upper Klamath Basin Working Group Website.
- * Agendum 12b Salmon River graph showing fish counts
- * Agendum 12c Letter from David Webb, Shasta CRMP, with update and recommendations from Shasta CRMP. Dated Feb. 7, 2001.
- * Agendum 15a Trinity River Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management Organization Structure.
- Agendum 15b Klamath Task Force Subcommittee Recommendations on Mid-Term Review, Subcommittee Report.
- * Agendum 16a Klamath River Basin Fall Chinook Salmon Run Size Estimates Preliminary 2000 Megatables, CDFG.
- * Agendum 19 Graph comparing Klamath Falls Water Year 2001 precipitation with average precipitation and Water Year 1977 precipitation
- * New Handouts received at the meeting

Informational Handouts:

People, Land and Water. Oct/Nov. 2000 edition. "FWS Dedicates California Office Building" (Yreka FWO).

LIST OF ATTENDEES***KLAMATH RIVER BASIN FISHERIES TASK FORCE******MEETING******February 8-9, 2001******Best Western Brookings Inn******Brookings, Oregon***

The following individuals attended the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force meeting in Brookings, Oregon, on February 8-9, 2001:

February 8, 2001

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Jim Bowers	USGS
Jim Welter	Brookings Harbor/PFMC
Jim Carpenter	Hatfield Commission
Bruce Halstead	USFWS
Stephen Carpenter	Klamath Watershed
Mark Hampton	CDFG
Jennifer Marx	Scott River Watershed Council
Tessa Stuedli	Klamath Water Users Association
Jennifer Kelly	Pacificorp
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Juanita Quijada	USFWS
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Laurie Simons	USFWS
Sarah Pattee	Recorder
Ron Kreskey	Congressman DeFazio's Office
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Karl Wirkus	BOR
Toz Soto	Middle Klamath
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USFWS
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Scott River Watershed Council
TWG
Lower Klamath/TWG
Klamath Water Users Association
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CDFG

ASSIGNMENTS AND MOTIONS

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Assignments:

Agendum 4

****Assignment** Yreka FWO staff will include a discussion of Fire Safe Councils in the Task Force June 2001 meeting agenda. Jim De Pree or a representative from CDF will make a presentation to the Task Force.**

Agendum 5d.

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Agendum 5e

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Motions:

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****Second**** Paul Kirk seconded the motion.

****Motion Carried**** unanimously.

Agendum 2b

****Motion**** Keith Wilkinson moved to adopt the amended minutes of the last meeting.

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Agendum 18

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